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Pro-Pridi elements are trying to contact the Thai Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the intermediary of Soviet and satellite commercial firms in Bangkok. The purpose of these maneuvers is the establishment of a shipping concern which would make tain liaison between ports in southeast Asia and south Thinks

These elements have received a large sum of money from the forth and the sum of the second of the se Communist Party for this purpose. A hollander who arrived in Rengant at the beginning of the second helf of February 1951, ostensibly on business for the China Sea Transport Company which has headquarters in Shanghai, will probably serve as the front for the proposed shipping firm. This Hollander has contacted Kovo, Ltd. , through whose internediary he hopes to obtain permission from the Ministry of Commerce to establish a branch of the China Sea Transport Co. in Bangkok. This man, who was really sent by Pridi Phanomyong, has gone back to China but will return to Bangkok shortly. Hovo, Ltd. is maintaining contact with him and, if the deal goes through, will direct the new branch of the Shanghai ' concern.

25X1A Comment. A Bangkok fire dealing in engineering products. metals, and other raw materials imported from Czechoslovakia.

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